

UKOPA Members Meeting

HSE Update

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Personnel Update

- Gill Minshull (Head of the Gas, Pipelines and Offshore Inspection) will be retiring on the 5th April 2023. Her replacement will be Helen Berry.
- Helen has previous experience of gas & pipelines having previously worked in the Gas & Pipelines Unit in a combined operational policy and regulatory role.
- In addition to the 3 new specialist pipeline inspectors mentioned in the October HSE update, a specialist has also transferred across from HSE's Chemicals, Explosives and Microbiological Hazards Division.
- Considerable training load for the new inspectors (in particular the 3 who have joined HSE from industry) and so it will be some time before they become fully operational.

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Key

RI = Regulatory Inspector
 PS = Pipeline Specialist
 * = Part time

Revision of the Gas Safety Management Regulations (GSMR)

- Revised regulations due to be laid before Parliament on the 9th March 2023
- Work is progressing well on the revision of the GSMR Guidance L80 and it will be published shortly after the Regulations come into force.

Background

- Key objective of the revision is to bring the Regulations up to date. However the revised Regulations will not address the use of hydrogen in the gas network, as the “case for Safety” for hydrogen use is still being developed.
- Public consultation exercise conducted undertaken in early 2022 in which public and industry views were sought on a number of proposed changes.
- These consultation responses informed the development of the revised regulations.

Net Zero

- Cross divisional & multidisciplinary Evidence Review Groups (ERG's) continue to review the evidence submitted in support of the hydrogen “case for safety” for the neighbourhood and village trials.
- Gas networks (under the auspices of the ENA) developing a proposed way forwards with respect to cast iron mains (in response to HSE's July 2022 paper on the suitability of iron mains for hydrogen).
- Policy decision taken, confirming the application of major hazard legislation offshore with respect to carbon capture and storage. But still some uncertainty with respect to onshore pipelines. However the advice is still to treat CO2 as dangerous fluid under PSR to ensure HSW Act S2 & S3 duties* are fully complied with.
- HSW Act 1974 sets the “reasonably practicable” goal. Subsidiary legislation such as PSR details how that objective should be achieved in particular circumstances.

Iron Mains Review

- Senior HSE management approval given for the joint HSE / Ofgem Review of the Iron Mains Decommissioning Programme to help inform the Iron Mains Enforcement Policy for 2026 -2032 and Ofgem's thinking regarding RIIO GD3.
- Background preparatory work started, although formal project commencement will be at the start of the next financial year (April 23).